

Joshua Tree Ranger Programs

effective March 27, 2015 – May 3, 2015

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9:00 am	Barker Dam Hike Explore how humans have learned to live in harmony with the desert.	Barker Dam parking area	1.5 hours 1 mile (1.6 km)					X		
varies	Joshua Tree Rocks! Examine the geology of this remarkable area.	Skull Rock parking area	1-1.5 hours 1 mile (1.6 km)		2:00 pm				9:00 am	
varies	"I Speak for the Trees" Discover the park's namesake on this short walk.	Echo T parking area	1.5 hours 1 mile (1.6 km)				2:00 pm			9:00 am
10:00 am	Patio Talk Learn about one of many fascinating aspects of the park. Topics are ranger's choice.	Oasis Visitor Center	15-30 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Cottonwood Visitor Center	15-30 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Joshua Tree Visitor Center	15-30 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:00 am	Mastodon Peak Hike Join a ranger and see remnants of the park's early gold mining history.	Cottonwood Springs parking area	2 hours 3 miles (4.8 km)	X						
2:00 pm	In the Shadow of Pinto Mountain Explore the Colorado Desert and Pinto Basin.	Turkey Flats backcountry board	1.5 hours 1 miles (1.6 km)							X
2:00 pm	Cap Rock Discovery Walk Discover the abundance of life in the desert.	Cap Rock Nature Trail	45 minutes 0.25 miles (0.4 km)	X						
2:00 pm	Cottonwood Canyon Walk Explore Cottonwood Canyon on a nature walk.	Mile marker 33, south of the Cottonwood Visitor Center. Park in a roadside pullout.	45 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)						X	
2:00 pm	Story Time with a Ranger Join a ranger for a story capturing an aspect of the desert.	Joshua Tree Visitor Center	30 minutes							X
3:00 pm	Oasis Walk	Oasis Visitor Center	1-1.5 hours 1 mile (1.6 km)			X				
varies	Keys Ranch Tour (<i>October 15 to May 15</i>) Explore the colorful story and numerous artifacts of this premier historical site. Reservations are required. Tickets must be purchased in advance. You may purchase tickets by phone at 760-367-5522 or at the Joshua Tree and Oasis Visitor Centers. Adults (12 & up) \$5; Senior Pass or Access Pass holders \$2.50; children ages 6-11 \$2.50; children under 6 free.		1.5 hours	10:00 am					2:00 pm	2:00 pm
8:00 pm	Evening Program Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics.	Jumbo Rocks & Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater	45 minutes						X	X
		Indian Cove Campground Amphitheater	45 minutes							X
		Black Rock Visitor Center	45 minutes						X	

Joshua Tree National Park is in the Pacific time zone.